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THE CHILIAN SITUATION.

The Chilean situation is now more
threatening than ever. The President
will undoubtedly send a message to
Congress next week. It is plain that
the sailors of the Baltimore were mobbed
and maltreated because they wore the
uniform of the United States navy.
The message will say so, and will prob-
ably declare that a proper apology and
reparation have not been tendered.

The action of Congress will be neces-
sary to declare war, but whatever Con-
gress does will be done speedily. One
remarkable feature of the situation is
the restrained demeanor of the Ameri-
can public. There has been no marked
excitement, only firmness and a settled
conviction that if the investigation
proved that the honor of America has
been insulted, there will have to be an
apology or a fight.

Thanks to ten years of sound, safe
work, the Federal navy is strong enough
to do the fighting. If war is declared
before the first of February, it ought to
be all over by May time, and Chili will
be soundly and permanently thrashed.
War is unpleasant and costly, but if it
is necessary, the United States can
demonstrate that it rules the Western
ocean.

A HISTORIC PARALLEL.

Coroner Gray's endeavor to have a re-
porter of THE TIMES fined for contempt
because he wanted that public function-
ary to become responsible for the pay-
ment of the work he was asked to do,
irresistibly calls to mind the austere
magistrate who had a man arrested for
contempt of court for addressing him
familiarly on the street.

"I didn't know you were in session,
judge," pleaded the delinquent.
"This court is always in session," re-
plied the magistrate, "and is therefore
always an object of contempt."

ONE immediate result of the Chilean
imbroglio will be the repeal of the law
that no person who served in the Con-
federate military, naval or civil service
shall be appointed to any position in the
army of the United States.

THE Commercial Association will dis-
cuss the Kent railroad bill Monday
night. The business men of Roanoke
ought to turn out strongly to register
their opinions of this paralyzing and
absurd measure.

LYNCHED THE NEGRO.

Two Men's Vengeance for an Attempt
Upon Their Sister.

DANVILLE, Va., Jan. 15.—Information
was received here to-day of a lynching
in Pittsylvania county.

George Towler, a negro youth, lived
with D. W. Mitchell, a well-known far-
mer and slept in the house. On Sun-
day night he entered the room of
Mitchell's little daughter and attempted
to outrage her.

Mrs. Mitchell heard the noise and en-
tered the room and caught the negro in
the act. Mitchell rushed in and caught
Towler, tied him, and sent for a justice,
who arrived Monday morning.
J. C. and D. L. Mitchell, brothers of
the little girl, arrived in the afternoon
and, accompanied by Dock Haymore,
took Towler from the officers, led him
to the woods and swung him to a tree.
The body was found the next morning.
A jury of inquest was held and ren-
dered a verdict that the deceased met
his death at the hands of the three men
named. The Mitchell boys and Hay-
more were arrested and tried before a
magistrate, but the result of the trial is
not yet known. Great excitement pre-
vails in the neighborhood and serious
trouble between the whites and blacks
is feared.

A LYNCHBURGER IN CHILI.

Curious Stories About the Yorktown and
the American and Chilean Navies.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Jan. 15.—A letter
was received here recently from a
young Lynchburger who is one of the
crew of the United States warship
Yorktown, which is now stationed on
the Chilean coast, or at Valparaiso. The
young man states that all the crew of
the warship are discontented on account
of the harsh treatment of the officers,
and says that "Americans are noted for
their love of liberty," and yet if a sea-
man shows any disposition to kick after
the repeated annoyance of some petty
officer, he is court martialled for inciting
mutiny.

The court martial sits at the dinner
table and tries the man, and the verdict
is always out and dried. The court is a
farce, and nine times out of ten the sen-
tences is personal spite, and the man
goes to prison. On one occasion off the
coast of Brazil, he states, they were
overtaken by a terrific electrical storm,
and the officer of the yacht (a lieutenant)
was afraid to go on deck, and absolutely
forced the men out to do what he should
have done.

There are a number of Chilean men-
of-war here: Admiral Cochrane (sister
ship to the Blanco, which sunk in the
war) and the Huascar, iron-clads, and
the armored cruiser Esmeralda. Ad-
miral Condell, Admiral Lynch, Imperial,
and Albato, and the cruiser O'Higgins,
and a lot of torpedo boats, such as the
Cushing, with two big guns like the
Vesuvius. If I could I would renounce
the United States navy and join the
Chilean navy. The three Gringos that
were on the Blanco when we were
aboard are now commissioned officers on
the Cochrane. Promotion is rapid when
fighting is going on. An American
sailor dare not go ashore since the little
episode of several months ago.

We are in poor plight, as none of the
new ships have torpedo gear, and would
have to depend entirely on the guns.

Our strength amounts to eight 8-inch,
twenty-seven 6-inch, twelve 6-pound,
twelve 3-pound, eight 1-pound, twelve
Hotchkiss revolving guns, and eight
Jatling guns.

The Yorktown's battery is six 6-inch,
mounted on central pivot automatic re-
turning shield protected carriages, and
the secondary battery consists of two 6
two 3 and one 1-pounder, two Hotchkiss
and two Gatling guns, five torpedo tubes
and no gear or torpedoes. She is sup-
posed to steam seventeen knots, but we
could only get thirteen out of her, as all
the firemen caved in mostly. She has
boilers of the locomotive pattern. I
send you a sketch of her.

The Chileans have (about) two 10-
inch, six 8-inch, fifteen 5-inch, seven
4-inch and a more numerous battery of
rapid-fire guns, Nordenfelters, Hotch-
kiss, Massinis and Gatlings, and a full
outfit of torpedoes to back them up. If
it comes to a crisis, in my opinion, we
have our hands full, although I heard
the captain say he would whip any
Chilean in port.

A later postscript, presumably written
on the same day the letter was:

"To-day's Chilean Times states that
Chile has nothing to lose and all to gain
in a war with the United States."

The following ships are ordered here:
United States steamships Miantonomoh,
Chicago, Newark, Philadelphia,
Boston, Atlanta, Kearsarge, Concord
and Bennington, from the East, and the
San Francisco, from Frisco, making
twelve ships in all under the command
of Kimberly, I believe.

The only drawback, I guess, will be
the men, as the Miantonomoh went into
commission with only twenty men.
The Chileans are overhauling the two
eighty-ton guns which got disabled in
the late fight.

DREAMED OF A POT OF GOLD.

The Money Is Afterward Found Buried in
a Lot.

PETERSBURG, Va., Jan. 15.—Some
weeks ago Isaac Robinson, a wealthy
citizen of this place, died very suddenly,
leaving an estate valued at over \$150,-
000. He left several children, among
whom was Mrs. Jacob Dryfoos, of Rad-
ford, this State, and Jacob Isaac Robin-
son, of this city.

Recently for three consecutive nights
Mrs. Dryfoos dreamed that her father
had buried on a lot on Old street in this
city a jar containing a large sum of
money in gold. Mrs. Dryfoos ac-
quainted her husband of her dreams,
and the two became so impressed that
Mr. Dryfoos came here Monday last, and
in company with his brother-in-law,
Mr. Robinson, made search for the
supposed hidden treasure. After a good deal
of digging no trace of the gold could be
found.

Last night Mr. Robinson resumed the
search, and was rewarded by finding the
jar of gold. According to Mr. Robin-
son's statement, there was a very large
amount of money in gold in the jar, but
he declines to say how much. To-day
he says he forwarded half of the money
to his sister, Mrs. Dryfoos, and kept the
other half himself.

Killed by Slave Traders.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—A dispatch from
Mozambique says that the Arab slave
traders in Nyassaland recently com-
bined their forces and made an attack
on the British outpost at Makanjira,
on the southeast shore of the lake, kill-
ing Captain Maguire, the commander of
the South African Company's forces of
Sikhs; Dr. Doyle, Mr. McEwan, the
engineer of the company's steamer, and
nine Sikhs. Many more were wounded.
The fate of the outpost is in doubt.
The lake company has asked for a gun-
boat and a supply of munitions.

Storm in West Virginia.

WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 15.—The
damage that has been done in this sec-
tion and across the river in Ohio in the
past twelve hours by the storm to fruit,
ornamental and forest trees, can only
be counted in thousands of dollars.
Orchards that have taken a lifetime to
mature are now almost a total wreck by
the ice that bears them to the ground.
Telegraph wires in all directions have
been broken down by the weight of the
ice, in consequence of which Wheeling
was almost entirely cut off from the
outside world.

Yesterday's Snowstorm.

Snow began falling here yesterday
morning about 3 o'clock, and by noon the
snow was three inches deep. It was warm
in the middle of the day and the snow
melted rapidly for a while. The tem-
perature fell several degrees last night.
No damage resulted from the storm.

THE SIZE OF AUSTRALIA.

New South Wales as Large as Our Ori-
ginal Thirteen Colonies.

Among the tacit misconceptions into
which distant critics are most likely to
fall about antipodean affairs is that
which is based upon ignorance of the
enormous area and possibilities of the
colonies, says Scribner's Magazine.
Especially is this likely in the United
States, where the assumption may be
that, as the population of Australia is
about the same as that of the thirteen
original seaboard colonies of America,
the surface over which they are dis-
tributed is also approximately the same.
As a matter of fact there is no such
proportion.

New South Wales alone is as large as
they were; Tasmania, the Rhode Island
of Australia, is as large as that state
with New Jersey, New Hampshire
and Massachusetts added; Victoria, the
smallest colony of the continent, is
equal in size to Great Britain; Queens-
land surpasses the united areas of Aus-
tria, France and Germany; South Aus-
tralia, one-third greater than Queens-
land, is nearly as large as western Aus-
tralia, which of itself has nearly four
times the extent of Texas, while the
two colonies together are larger than
the whole of Europe without Russia.

The seven colonies between them oc-
cupy a territory greater than that of
the United States excluding Alaska. It
is true that at present Australia has
barely four million inhabitants, but
these immense areas represent a poten-
tial population to which it is impossible
to set bounds.

No part of the continent is so hot and
so unhealthy as to forbid white settle-
ment, and if the strip of low-lying
coast lands in the north be omitted
there is no part of it yet colonized in
which Europeans cannot work.

Port Darwin, the country about the
gulf of Carpentaria, and an indefinite
belt toward the northwest, lie within
the tropics, and are suitable for tropical
productions; but the high plateau of
northern Queensland, which runs close
to the sea, is found thoroughly healthy
for English miners and graziers, and
enjoys a bracing winter. The back
country, though waterless by compari-
son with the Mississippi valley, is
able to carry stock well in most sea-
sons, and with wells, tanks and dams
may be made to do so in all years. The
desert country of eastern Australia has
yet to be found.

THE AGE OF POLITICS.

An Interesting Lecture by a Famous Pro-
fessor of Vienna, Austria.

"Public spirit in the nineteenth cen-
tury," was a theme lately treated by
Prof. Dr. Adolph Eraser of the Univer-
sity of Vienna, Austria. He insisted on
the necessity of particular promotion of
the spirit of patriotism in the students.
The spirit of modern society, he said, is
exclusively and one-sidedly determined
by natural science, which has caused a
neglect of the development of political
discernment. Nothing attracts the at-
tention of the general public at present
but subjects of natural science, even
women profess being interested in these
questions, and, on the other hand, to be
indifferent to the facts and relations of
the political world. This spirit of the
exact sciences has even infected men of
law and philosophy, who will reduce
criminal law to psychology, will talk of
the "physiology" of law, of love, of art,
will lecture on the "physiological meth-
od" of law and write books of many
volumes on the "structure and life of
the body of society." It is an influence
of this physical spirit that people con-
temn the past ages of the world, even
going so far as to hold the middle ages
and actually also the empire of ancient
Rome in contempt.

A change must come and it is already
preparing; the historic, political school
of research has resumed its labors with
courage and frankness. This reaction
is also a necessary result of events. The
new awakening of constitutional life,
the immense creations of great states-
men in the service of popular ideas and
the wonderful problems offering for so-
lution on the basis of broader principles
and which everybody knows cannot be
solved by measuring and weighing or
by logarithms and equations, all these
circumstances have infused new energy
into politics as a science and a popular
interest. It will require all the wisdom
and power of the political spirit to
solve these difficulties and avoid fatal
crises in the state organism attempting
to assign to the fourth estate its just
position in the social organization. It
is the struggle with this problem which
will make the twentieth century a po-
litical age, and nobody must hope to be
able to fill his place in it unless he shall
have acquired a sufficient political edu-
cation.

A Tree with a History.

One hundred years ago a Mr. Marr,
of Cape Elizabeth, Me., set out a willow
slip, which grew to be a good-sized tree.
Mr. Marr was an obliging sort of per-
son, and he kept his grindstone—one of
the few in that vicinity—under the wil-
low by the roadside for the convenience
of his neighbors. Some of the neigh-
bors were ungrateful yokels, for often,
when they had done grinding their
axes, they would try the blades upon
the sheltering tree, so that its beauty
was spoiled and its life endangered.
Then Farmer Marr drove a lot of spikes
into the trunk, covering the heads art-
fully with bark, and when the neigh-
boring vandals had spoiled a few axes
they quit trying edges on the willow.
Marr and his neighbors are all dead and
forgotten these fifty years, but the wil-
low still flourishes, and the ax marks
are obliterated, while the protecting
spikes are grown deep in the heart of
the great trunk.

A Mammoth Estate.

The Argentine Republic contains
many large baronial estates owned by
wealthy planters and gentlemen. One
of the largest of them all, situated fifty
miles from Buenos Ayres, is owned by
an American named Pierson, who ac-
quired it through marriage. The estate
embraces 200,000 acres and it is a day's
journey to ride across it. The distance
from the entrance of the property to
the mansion is nine leagues.

THE MABRY BENEFIT.

More Than a Hundred Tickets Already
Sold—The Times Fund.

The members of the police force were
furnished with tickets for the Mabry
benefit yesterday evening, and the vim
with which they went to work selling
them indicates that the Opera House
will be taxed to its utmost capacity on
Monday night.

Messrs. Brennan and Layton met with
good results in their canvassing yester-
day, and have disposed of about 100
tickets in all. A great deal of hard
work will be done to-day and Monday,
which will be sure to bear good results.
The following subscription was re-
ceived in THE TIMES office yesterday:

Cash.....	\$ 1 00
Previously acknowledged:	
Capt. R. B. Moorman.....	5 00
Employes freight yard.....	5 05
W. C. G.....	1 00
S. Nyburg.....	1 00
A lady.....	2 00
Cash.....	1 00
Do.....	1 00
Do.....	50
Do.....	50
Do.....	5 00
Employes of the freight station.....	13 00
F. R. Gray.....	25
Wm. Lunsford.....	2 00
J. Moyer.....	5 00
E. T. Burnett.....	5 00
Mrs. Noell.....	50
Mrs. W. M. Yager.....	1 00

Total to date.....\$53 50
Paid to Mrs. Mabry.....42 40

Cash in hand.....\$11 10

A Failure in Bristol.

BRISTOL, Jan. 15.—A. S. Taylor and
W. R. King, of the late firm of Taylor
& King, retail hardware dealers, on
yesterday filed in the office of the clerk
of the corporation court of Bristol, Va.,
an assignment of all the notes, accounts
and judgments due the firm, to S. V.
Fulkerson, assignee, who is directed to
collect the same and apply the proceeds
to the payment of debts against the con-
cern.

Their liabilities are stated to be
\$4,192.14 and their assets, consisting of
notes and accounts, to be \$6,939.51; and
to further secure their creditors in the
payment of their debts they also assign
\$2,000 in the capital stock of the Bristol
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